

GLASS BIN FAQ



1. Why do I have to have a purple lid bin?

The State Government is standardising household waste and recycling services across the state. It is very difficult to separate glass from other recyclable materials, and glass items often break in mixed recycling bins. By introducing a fourth bin just for glass, we will be able to make sure these resources are more effectively recycled into things like roads and footpaths!

Greater Shepparton City Council is a leading Council in waste and environmental initiatives, implementing compulsory food and garden waste bin in November 2015. The implementation of this separate glass service collected monthly will demonstrate yet again this commitment to a more sustainable future.

2. Is this service compulsory?

If a kerbside collection for glass is chosen, then it will be compulsory for all residents within the urban collection zone.

3. How much will this bin cost me?

With the changes being made to the collection of FOGO and landfill bins, modelling on the current contract collection and disposal rates estimates the cost of a glass bin would be \$1.85 per year.

4. How often will my purple lid bin be collected?

Your glass bin will be collected once a month.

5. What if I live in a multi-unit dwelling? Can I share with a neighbour?

Please contact Council to discuss the possibility of organising a bin-sharing arrangement.

6. What can I put in my purple lid bin?

- Glass Jars (empty, clean, no lids): pasta sauce, jam, condiments etc.
- Glass Bottles (empty, clean, no lids): cordial, oil, wine, champagne, beer, spirit etc.

7. What can't I put in my purple lid bin?

- Bottle and jar lids and corks
- Drinking glassware and crystal glassware
- Mirrors and windows
- Glass bottles containing cigarette butts or lids
- Broken crockery, bakeware or glass storage containers
- Perfume bottles

All of these items must be placed in your red lid (landfill) bin.

8. Do I need to remove labels?

You don't need to remove the labels.

9. Do I need to remove lids?

Yes, lids must be removed before you put bottles/jars in the purple lid bin. Lids need to be put in the red lid (landfill) bin, unless they are metal (these can be placed in your recycling bin).

10. Do I have to clean the glass items before I put them in the purple lid bin?

Yes, please make sure you remove any food/drink residue from inside the glass bottle/jar before placing it in your purple lid bin. A quick rinse should do the job!

11. Can I take extra glass to the Resource Recovery Centres?

All the glass items accepted in your purple lid bin will also be accepted at Council's three Resource Recovery Centres, and disposal will be free.